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USAID Pro-Integridad supports the Peruvian Public Ministry in the reorganization of the prosecutors' offices to better implement the Criminal Procedure Code

The Prosecutor General of Peru approved the Organization and Functions Manual for the Corporate Criminal Prosecutor's Office



Beginning of work sessions of the manual development commission. Left to right: Dra. Luz Sánchez, Provincial Prosecutor in Huanuco; Dra. María del Rosario Lozada, Superior Prosecutor in Arequipa; Eco. César Aliaga, Advisor to the Institutional Technical Team for the Criminal Procedure Code Implementation; Atty. Carmen Condorchua, Manager of Projects and International Technical Cooperation; and Dr. Victor Yaipen, Technical Secretary for the Institutional Technical Team for the Criminal Procedure Code and President of the commission.

"I Recognize and congratulate the prosecutors, officials and servers with the Public Ministry that participated in the development of the manual."

Dr. José A. Peláez, Prosecutor of the Nation.
Resolution of the Prosecutor's Office of the Nation
No. 1731-2014-MP-FN, of May 9, 2014.

"We expect that this manual will result in better corporate work and allow prosecutors to ensure that justice will get faster to the user."

Dr. María del Rosario Lozada, Superior Prosecutor at the Second Superior Criminal Prosecutor's Office in Arequipa.

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On May 10, 2014, Peru's Prosecutor General published the resolution wherein he approved the "*Organization and Functions Manual*" for the Corporate Criminal Prosecution Office. The Manual was developed and is to be implemented by the Public Ministry pursuant to the Plan for the Consolidation of the Reform which was approved by the Special Commission for Implementation of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The Manual was developed with the technical assistance of the USAID Pro-Integridad Project by a working group of 16 members, appointed by the Prosecutor General of the Nation by way of resolution of February 27, 2014. This group was composed of prosecutors and officials from nine districts of Peru. The Manual redesigns the organization of the criminal prosecution offices so as to facilitate the implementation of the Criminal Procedure Code. Key objectives of the reorganization, based on the corporate model, include team work, systemic coordination between the prosecution and administrative units and equitable distribution of the work load.,

The Criminal Procedure Code, the implementation of which started in 2006, replaces the Criminal Procedures Code of 1940. The new Code not only transforms the role of prosecutors but demands the adjustment of the organization and procedures of the criminal prosecution offices to respond to the challenge of realizing the accusatory model and the oral trial. Compared to Code of 1940 the new procedure will bring enhanced speed and transparency but reorganization is necessary to attain its full potential.

With the new Manual, the corporate model is consolidated and there are coordination mechanisms and criteria in place to optimize the distribution of the prosecutors' workloads. The next step will be to train prosecutors and key personnel to implement the new corporate office structure and procedures. USAID Pro-Integridad will continue its support of the Public Ministry in these next important steps.